

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Such a crass example of partisan propaganda masquerading as "news" demonstrates just how powerful and influential a small number of owners of large media companies can be. Sinclair should be strongly censured and fined if they insist on this course of action.

Thank you.